

ST PIUS X, RAIWAQA, PARISH NEWSLETTER

TO RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-: YEAR C 21/07/19

Sunday and Weekday Mass Schedule

Sundays: 7:00 am & 8:30 am

Weekday 6:30 pm - [Monday to Friday]

Saturday & Public Holidays: - 8.30am.

Wednesday Fijian Mass [Misa Vakaviti]

Thurs Holy Hour, Adoration & Benediction: 5.00pm – 6.pm

Holy days 7:00 am.& 7:00 pm. except Christmas & New Year.

Confessions: - Friday & Saturdays after Mass.

Baptisms: The 8.30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month is reserved for Baptisms. Parents seeking baptism for their child make arrangements with Community Leader and Priests before commencing session with Baptism helpers.

Matrimony: Those preparing for marriage must contact a priest at least 3 months before and are required to undertake preparation sessions. Guidelines available at the Parish Office.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Community Discussion Group

The RCIA program, which is specifically for adults, is not only for those who are wanting to be converted to the Catholic Faith. It is also important for everyone to note that, as required by the Catechism of the Catholic Church, there is a preparation period. This period normally begins in June and runs until the Easter the following year. A special invite is directed to those “practicing Catholics” who have yet to receive all 3 or any of the sacraments of Initiation, namely Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. We do have some in our Parish, and it is very important that these people come forward. Also note that the RCIA team would gladly visit any community or SCC should they wish to know more about the program. RCIA is due to start on Monday 5 August 2019, 5- 6pm. Please note that the RCIA Community Discussion Group will no longer meet on Sundays after the 7am Mass. RCIA Community Discussion Group will now meet every Monday 5-6pm, in the Parish Hall. Potential candidates can contact Sala Navuku, ph 9457355, Community Leader or the Parish Coordinator for further information about the program.

BAZAAR BAZAAR BAZAAR: *6 Days to go:*

The PPC meeting this morning will close with the drawing of the Bazaar stalls. It is important that your representative attends the PPC to hear about the Bazaar program and other details about this yearly event. *‘It’s a time to bring all parishioners together for fun, food, family, friends, and fellowship. It’s a great way for everyone to enjoy giving what they can and receive so much more in return.’*

Reflection for 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C: The Marthas and Marys of this World

Jesus came to visit his friends, for peace and calm. He comes to talk to us in the quiet of the evening or the freshness of the morning, to share with us the Word of life. He comes not because he needs us but because we need him. We too can be distracted and “worry and fret about so many things.” We may, like Martha, miss the better part, the one thing necessary, which is to listen to the Word of Christ.

Our Fijian tradition emphasises hospitality, a tradition somewhat harder to practice in a busy urban setting, but one that we would do well to keep alive, and even revive to a higher level. We are more likely to encounter the grace of God when welcoming visitors to our home, than just sitting watching television!

The world is made up of Marthas and Marys – doers and dreamers – and the former are much more numerous than the latter. The commercial society of today places a huge premium on achievement. It is tangible results that count. Production and sales targets are set for and only those who meet them are rewarded. Captains of industry insist that pay be related to production: “shape up or ship out.” And those who can’t or won’t are made redundant. That is, in a sense, Martha’s world. Mercifully, we still have our dreamers. And like Jesus, we should cherish such dreamers for the contribution they bring to our lives.

Who are the Marys our church today? Not all of them live in cloisters, though some still do, quietly worshipping on behalf of us all. Some live a busy life at work and as home-makers, but find time in their hearts for prayer and for going to church. Others work creatively in their writing rooms or studios, patiently building their dreams of a better world for future generations. It is the poets, painters, writers, philosophers and mystics, who like Mary, have chosen the better part.

Parish St Vincent de Paul Central Eastern Street Appeal (6 July – 14 September) is a 3-month initiative that will be carried within the vicinity of Suva area. Proceeds from the Street Appeal will go towards the financial upkeep of Fr Law Home. Every donation is highly appreciated.

Fiji Council of Churches quarterly ecumenical service today at Holy Trinity Cathedral Sunday 21st of July at 3pm.

Parish Website: This has been updated just a reminder that Newsletter could be sighted or downloaded from the site.

Columban Kaulotu & Catholic Times magazines will be on sale for \$1 only, after the Masses this morning.

Masses Next Sunday: 7.00am (older people prefer) and Official Thanksgiving Mass after Bazaar at 9.00am.

Grid Security recruitment drive All unemployed in search of work at the range of age of 25yrs to 35yrs of age, vacancies are available. Call Harold Swann on **775 0111** for further details.

Faith Formation: Catechism classes continue this morning after both Masses. Confirmation and post-Confirmation classes to be held inside the church after the 0830 Mass. Thanks to St Joseph the Worker for the refreshments today and we invite St Joan of Arc to supply refreshments of next Sunday.

Children's Catechism Annual Evaluation Schedule:

Sun., July 21: PPC (Community Leaders, please collect the forms)

▶▶▶ Tues., Aug 6: after 7 Steps (Community Evaluation).

▶▶▶ Sun., Aug. 11: 8:30am (Hearing Session with parish parents, due for the submission of forms)

▶▶▶ Sun., Aug 25: PPC (Evaluation Report will be given to the Community Leaders)

▶▶▶ Tues., Aug. 27: after 7 Steps (Community members will share the Evaluation Report)

Community Leaders are responsible for the collecting and bringing the Evaluation forms after filling the forms by the community members.

Evangelization News: Prayer meetings continue as usual this afternoon in Church.

7 Steps Refresher Workshop planned for the 4th of August 2019. The workshop to include 1) community leaders; 2) evangelization reps; 3) SCC leaders and 4) interested members in the parish.

Thanks to the participants for the Inter-Religious Dialogue Youth Clean Up Campaign: For those who participated in the campaign yesterday in Nasese. Laudato Si'!

Senior Youth 7 Steps Bible Sharing Prayer Meeting – This Tuesday at 7:30pm: We ALL join our parents' SCC for this Tuesday for the preparation for the Parish Bazaar.

Youth Executive Monthly Meeting: Monday, July 29 at 7:30pm. Please, bring brief activity summaries.

Youth First Friday Mass: NEXT Friday, August 2 (followed by Adoration + Confession until 8pm).

Youth Genu soli: After the First Friday Mass – NEXT Friday, August 2 starts at 8pm at AB Hall for the Ordination Trip to Rabi. All parishioners are invited to support our parish youth.

Youth Choir Competition: Friday, August 16 at 7:30pm at the AB Hall (Commemorating the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary): Groups 1) Raiwaqa Youth (1B+2+4A+4B+4C) / 2) Vatuwaqa Youth (5A+5B) / 3) Nairai + Upper-Raiwaqa Youth (3+6+7A+7B). *See the details on the notice board.*

Columban Companions in Mission (CCIM): Registration for the next 2 years is open now. Please, fill the form with \$2.00 for 2 years to support our Columban Missionaries all around the world! Forms are available at the parish office or see Joana Qalo.

Presbytery Garage Sale: Today after the Mass – Please, support the parish Bazaar fundraising.

Meetings Today and During the Week

PPC meeting at 1000 today in the AB Mataca Hall. Drawing of Bazaar stalls will be done at the meeting.

Urgent Lectors Gathering this afternoon beginning with DIVINE mercy at 3.00 pm inside church followed by meeting in the Arch Mataca Hall.

St Patrick Community - Family Catechism facilitated by Fr.Tino continues this evening at 7pm. Many thanks to the faithful families who have seen active participation and faithfully following the program these past few weeks. Other families in the Community are urged to come along and support this great Family initiative.

CSEJ meeting rescheduled to Monday, 22 July, at 7.30pm in the parish Board Room. CSEJ members please note.

St Gabriel (4A) 7 Steps will be held at Paulo Daurewa's residence at 7.30pm on Tuesday.

St Francis of Assisi (4A) Seven Steps on Tuesday night at Mariana Raduna's residence.

St Peter Chanel Community: meets at Tina Robinson's home at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 24 July.

St Cecelia 1B: 7Steps on the 23/7/2019 will be held at Visoni and Selina's family residence at 8pm

Thanks and Appreciation:

St Columban Community for animating the Liturgy during the week and the church cleaning yesterday. We invite St Paul Community to take on this important responsibility from tomorrow evening

For your generous Collections Last Week: The following is a summary of the collections: 1st Collection: **\$897.85** 2nd Collection: **\$128.10**; Envelopes pledges: **\$10.00**; **Total Collection: \$1035.95**

Readings for the week: Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time Sun 21/7: Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42;**Mon 22/7 St Mary Magdalene:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18;**Tues 23/7:** Ex 14:21—15:1/Mt 12:46-50;**Wed 24/7:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9;**Thurs 25/7** Saint James, Apostle : 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28 ;**Fri 26/7 Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23;**Sat 27/7:** Ex 24:3-8/Mt 13:24-30;**Sun 28/7 Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time:** Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13